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1. RESPONSE BY CHAIRMAN INDALECIO LIEVANO AGUIRRE (COLOMBIA), OF OAS FIFTH REGULAR GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO REMARKS BY PRESIDENT FORD AT THE WHITE HOUSE SATURDAY EVENING, MAY 10 TRANSMITTED TO POSTS SATURDAY NIGHT BY USIA, (REF A) TOGETHER WITH PRESIDENT FORD'S REMARKS, AND SECRETARY KISSINGER'S STATEMENT ON THE PANAMA CANAL NEGOTIATIONS.

2. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LIEVANO'S RESPONSE TO SECRETARY KISSINGER'S TOAST (REF B) AT THE LUNCHEON HE HOSTED FRIDAY MAY 9 AT THE STATE DEPARTMENT:

"HIS EXCELLENCY DR. INDALECIO LIEVANO AGUIRRE, PRESI-
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DENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY: SECRETARY KISSINGER, FOREIGN

MINISTERS, YOUR EXCELLENCIES, AMBASSADORS TO THIS MEETING:
IN THE NAME OF ALL OF MY COLLEAGUES, THE FOREIGN MINISTERS
OF THE AMERICAS, I WOULD LIKE TO INFORM YOU, MR. SECRETARY
OF STATE, OF OUR DEEPLY FELT GRATITUDE FOR THE VERY CORDIAL
AND FRIENDLY RECEPTION THAT HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO US HERE

IN THE CAPITAL OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

"IT IS VERY SIGNIFICANT AND VERY SPECIAL THE GRATI-
TUDE THAT WE FEEL FOR THIS SINGULAR HONOR THAT YOU HAVE
RENDERED US IN PREPARING FOR THIS MEETING SUCH AN IMPOR-
TANT SPEECH AS YOU HAVE JUST DELIVERED, ONE WHICH I
WOULD NOT DARE ANSWER EXTEMPORANEOUSLY WITHOUT CONSULTA-
TIONS WITH EACH ONE AND ALL OF MY COLLEAGUES.

"I WOULD ONLY DARE SAY THAT WE ARE MEETING AT A TIME
WHEN, UNFORTUNATELY, WE ARE FACING TWO TYPES OF CRISIS
THAT ARE COINCIDENTALLY GOING ON AT THE SAME TIME, AN
INTERNAL DOMESTIC POLITICAL CRISIS WITHIN THE UNITED
STATES AND A CRISIS WITHIN THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN
STATES.

"AT TIMES I SUSPECT THAT SOME RELATIONSHIP MIGHT
EXIST BETWEEN THESE TWO CRISES I HAVE MENTIONED, AND,
THEREFORE, I WOULD LIKE TO STATE TO YOU, MR. SECRETARY
OF STATE, THAT IT IS A VERY VENTURESOME CIRCUMSTANCE THE
ONE THAT BRINGS US HERE TOGETHER AND THAT REFLECTS THE
SINGULAR FRIENDLINESS AND CONFIDENCE THAT ALL OF US, THE
FOREIGN MINISTERS OF LATIN AMERICA, HAVE IN YOUR PERSON-
ALITY, IN YOUR INTELLIGENCE, AND IN YOUR POLITICAL
PERCEPTIVENESS.

"THOSE PERSONAL QUALITIES, MR. SECRETARY, THAT I
HAVE JUST INDICATED ARE THE SOURCE OF A HOPE ON OUR PART
THAT AN OPPORTUNE TIME WILL COME WHEN WE WILL BE ABLE TO
FIND TOGETHER THE SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEMS OF THE HEMIS-
PHERE, BEING A PREREQUISITE TO THE FINDING OF SUCH SOLU-
TIONS THAT THE UNITED STATES FOREIGN POLICY, WITH THE AID
OF YOUR IMAGINATIVE INSPIRATION, MR. SECRETARY, MIGHT
EMANCIPATE ITSELF FROM THE DOMESTIC INTERNAL PROBLEMS
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THAT IT FACES IN THE COUNTRY.

"ON THAT EMANCIPATION, AND ON THE ACHIEVEMENT OF
SUCH EMANCIPATION OF UNITED STATES FOREIGN POLICY DEPENDS
THAT WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO FREE OURSELVES FROM THE UN-
DESIRABLE POSSIBILITY IN A DAY NOT TOO FAR FROM NOW WHEN
WE MIGHT HAVE TO FACE WHAT IS KNOWN HERE AS AN AGONIZING
REAPPRAISAL TO BE MADE BEFORE A DISASTER.

"THOSE ARE THE HOPES THAT I DARE FORMULATE HERE IN
THE NAME OF MY COLLEAGUES THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF THE
AMERICAS BEFORE YOU, MR. SECRETARY, AND IT IS FOR THIS
REASON THAT AT THIS POINT I WOULD LIKE TO PROPOSE A TOAST,
WITH YOUR PERMISSION, A TOAST TO PRESIDENT FORD, A TOAST
TO YOU, DR. KISSINGER, AND AN EXPRESSION OF THE AFFECTION

AND THE SINCERITY THAT WE HAVE IN THE HOPE OF GREATER
PROSPERITY AND WELL BEING FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED
STATES." KISSINGER

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